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June 15, 2022

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Subject:

Pinon Ridge Mining LLC, Sunday Mines Complex, 40 CFR 61 Subpart B 2022 Annual

**Compliance Report** 

Dear Mr. Stovern:

Enclosed are two copies of the Pinon Ridge Mining LLC ("Pinon Ridge") 2022 annual compliance report for the Sunday Mines Complex. The compliance report demonstrates compliance with the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Underground Uranium Mines (40 CFR 61, Subpart B). The Mine is located on the north side of Gypsum Ridge in San Miguel County, Colorado, and includes the Sunday, West Sunday, Carnation, St Jude, and Topaz mines within the same mine complex.

The Sunday Mines Complex is an underground vanadium/uranium mine complex which is expected to produce over 100,000 tons of ore during the life of the mine and has a potential annual ore production rate greater than 10,000 tons. Therefore, the Mine is subject to the NESHAP for Underground Uranium Mines. Pinon Ridge is submitting this annual compliance report for the Mine as required under the rule.

In 2022, mining activities were conducted at portions of the Mine from January 1 through February 28. During this time, radon emissions were measured at the mine vents and the annual emissions were modeled to evaluate compliance with the effective dose equivalent limit of 10 millirems per year ("mrem/yr"). The maximum modeled dose for the maximally-exposed individual was 0.015 mrem/yr which is well below the 10 mrem/yr limit. The enclosed report provides details of the modeling analysis and all information required as part of the submittal.

After discussions with you and Jonathan Walsh regarding radon-222 monitoring methods, Pinon Ridge closed the mine for the remainder of the year until monitoring equipment can be installed that is consistent with monitoring method A-7 listed in the NESHAPs rule.

Please contact me (435-459-1354, mrutter@western-uranium.com) with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Michael Rutter

Vice President, Operations

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## PINON RIDGE MINING LLC 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS 61 SUBPART B

## **SUNDAY MINES COMPLEX**

#### 2022 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

**JUNE 2023** 



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#### Name and Location of the Mine:

Pinon Ridge Mining LLC (Pinon Ridge) operates the Sunday Mines Complex (the "Mine"), located on the north side of Gypsum Ridge in San Miguel County, Colorado, which includes the Sunday, West Sunday, Carnation, St Jude, and Topaz mines within the same mine complex. The Mine site is generally located at Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates 691,300 meters (m) east and 4,216,600 m north (North American Datum [NAD] 83).

Pinon Ridge is the operator of the Mine, an underground vanadium/uranium mine complex which is expected to produce over 100,000 tons of ore during the life of the mine and has a potential annual ore production rate greater than 10,000 tons. Pinon Ridge is submitting this annual compliance report for the Mine pursuant to the requirements in Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 40 Part 61, Subpart B – National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants.

In 2022, mining activities were conducted at portions of the Mine from January 1 through February 28 (the "Operational Period"). During this period, exploration activities and mine restoration occurred. As a result, the modeling referred to herein is limited to the Operational Period. The Mine was shut down in February 2022 until additional radon monitoring equipment could be obtained and installed.

#### Name of the Person Responsible for Operation and Preparer of Report:

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#### **Model Used to Determine Compliance with Emission Standards:**

Under 40 CFR 61.22, emissions of radon-222 to the ambient air from an underground uranium mine shall not exceed those amounts that would cause any member of the public to receive in any year an effective dose equivalent ("dose") of 10 millirems per year ("mrem/yr"). Further, 40 CFR 61.23(a) provides that compliance with this emission standard shall be determined and the effective dose equivalent calculated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") computer code COMPLY-R.

Pinon Ridge engaged CTEH LLC (CTEH) to calculate the effective dose equivalent for radon-222 using the EPA COMPLY-R computer model. CTEH issued a report entitled *Effective Dose Equivalent Estimation: Comply-R Modeling* for the Sunday Mines Complex, dated June 2023. A copy of this report is included as Attachment A.

#### **Results of the Emissions Testing and Dose Calculation:**

Testing for radon-222 from the vent shafts and other emission sources at the Mine was completed in accordance with 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 115, Section 1 ("Radon-222 emissions from Underground Uranium Mine Vents"). Specifically, Pinon Ridge measured radon-222 emissions per Sections 1.1.1 ("Continuous Measurement") and 1.2 ("Test Methods and Procedures"). Section 1.1.1 specifies that the radon-222 concentration shall be continuously measured at each

mine vent whenever the mine ventilation system is operational. Radon-222 emission rates were calculated and recorded utilizing monthly radon-222 concentration data and ventilation rate measurements.

Pinon Ridge used Method A-7 to analyze radon-222 and used commercially available, alpha track radon-222 detectors to continuously collect radon-222 emissions on a monthly basis during the Operational Period. The results of the emission testing are provided in Attachment B. Use of Method A-7 requires EPA approval in accordance with 40 CFR 61, Appendix B. In recent discussions with EPA staff, it has come to our attention that Method A-7 had not previously been approved for the Sunday Mine Complex. Therefore, Pinon Ridge closed the mine until equipment necessary to use Method A-6 is obtained and installed.

Modeling was completed for the 2 months the mine was active and radon-222 was monitored using Method A-7. The modeled results for the Mine are included with the CTEH Report in Attachment A. The modeled results show a total dose of **0.015 mrem/yr** to the maximally exposed receptor, from the combined individual doses calculated for each vent. The calculated dose of 0.015 mrem/yr is less than the 10 mrem/yr standard set out in 40 CFR 61.22. The COMPLY-R default inputs for air temperature and vent temperature were used in calculating this dose. The wind speed and direction data used as an input for the COMPLY-R modeling were taken from the National Weather Service Station at Grand Junction Colorado.

#### **List of Ventilation:**

The Mine features and user-supplied model input parameters are included in the CTEH report in Attachment A. In 2022, mining activities were conducted during the Operational Period only. Other than the Operational Period, no workers entered the Mine, all fans were turned off, and ventilation to "allow workers to enter the Mine" ceased. All emissions during the Operational Period from Mine vents were included in the modeling. During the Operational Period, the emission sources at the Mine were the St. Jude Portal, Sunday #1 vent, and the Sunday #7 vent. All other potential emission sources at the Mine were either inactive or downcast throughout the Operational Period and therefore determined to be non-emitting.

#### **Description of Effluent Controls:**

Effluent control is based on the duration of work conducted underground, and the length of time the ventilation fans were operated during the Operational Period. Not all vents for the Mine were exhausting continuously and some vents were used to pull fresh air into the Mine (downcast). Radon was tested and modeled only for air emissions and not for downcast mine vents. During the Operational Period, the fans exhausted 24 hours per day, 7-days per week. The non-emitting ventilation features were observed to be forced downcast or naturally downcast during the Operational Period.

#### Distances from Points of Release to the Nearest Residence, School, or Business or Office:

Distance information is provided in the computer reports and on input tables for the model inputs. Distances are calculated based upon individual mine map coordinate systems. The nearest residence is at a distance of 5,020 meters to the nearest active exhaust vent. The details of receptors and distances from the Mine are provided in the CTEH report given in Attachment A.

#### Distances from nearest farm producing vegetables, milk and meat:

The nearest residence is located 5,020 meters from the nearest exhausting Mine vent. There are no farms producing vegetables or milk in the vicinity. There are cattle grazing from time to time on nearby range land.

#### Values used for other user-supplied input parameters:

#### Choice of Meteorological Data

Meteorological data (wind direction and speed) from the National Weather Service Station at Grand Junction, Colorado were used for the attached COMPLY-R modeling. The Grand Junction dataset was determined to be the most representative available dataset for the Sunday Mines Complex. While other meteorological stations are closer to the Mine, the wind conditions from the Grand Junction station more closely match the site's wind conditions (see CTEH report for further details).

#### Determination of Receptors

Since actual wind rose data were used for the attached modeling, the COMPLY-R model requires that the nearest potential receptors be identified in each of the sixteen directions of the compass relative to each of the Mine vents.

These potential receptors were determined based on a careful review of satellite imagery, in conjunction with Pinon Ridge's knowledge of the surrounding areas. In many cases, the closest identified structure in a given direction may not be occupied but was included as a receptor in the modeling to identify the worst-case modeled impacts. It is likely that some of the possible receptors that have been identified are not actual receptors (e.g., they are uninhabited structures). Pinon Ridge may update its receptors from time to time if field investigations warrant.

The potential receptors used in the attached COMPLY-R modeling, along with other user supplied input parameters, are provided in the CTEH Report (Attachment A).

#### Certification

"I Certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted herein and based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. See 18, U.S.C. 1001."

Signed: \_\_

Michael Rutter Date: 6/15/2013

Vice President, Operations

# ATTACHMENT A CTEH REPORT



# EFFECTIVE DOSE EQUIVALENT ESTIMATION: COMPLY-R MODELING PINON RIDGE MINING LLC SUNDAY MINES COMPLEX

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#### 1.0 Introduction

Pinon Ridge Mining LLC (Pinon Ridge) operates the Sunday Mines Complex (the "Mine") located on the south side of Big Gypsum Valley in San Miguel County, Colorado, 17 miles southwest of Naturita, Colorado (Figure 1-1). The Mine produces vanadium and uranium ore which is subsequently transported offsite for processing. Western Uranium & Vanadium Corporation (parent company to Pinon Ridge) acquired the Sunday Mines Complex from Energy Fuels Inc. in 2014.

As part of the air quality permit, the Mine is required to annually demonstrate compliance with a radon dose modeling evaluation which is required under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS), Subpart B. The modeling was completed using the EPA regulatory model, COMPLY-R, which estimates transport/dispersion of radon from the mine vents/portals, followed by an estimated dose to members of the public. This report provides the 2022 compliance demonstration for the Sunday Mines Complex and includes a description of the mining operations, modeling methodology, and the modeling results.

#### 1.1 Sunday Mines Complex Description

The Sunday Mines Complex consists of five mine portal areas: Topaz, Sunday, West Sunday, Carnation, and St. Jude. The underground mine was ventilated from January 1 to the end of February in 2022. After discussions with EPA Region 8 personnel, the mine was closed until additional radon measurement equipment could be installed. The mine was closed for the remainder of 2022.

The maximum potential ore production rate is 214,000 tons per year (tpy) of uranium and vanadium ore from all mine areas. No ore is processed onsite. Instead, ore is transported offsite for processing. Sources of air pollutant emissions associated with the Mine include vent shafts, ore and rock storage and handling, vehicle travel, and other fugitive emissions. During 2022, the Mine had limited operation with two active portals and three active vent shafts. Of these, one portal and two vent shafts had upcast flow. The portals and vent shafts that were active at the Mine in 2022 are shown in Figure 1-2.

#### 1.2 Air Quality Regulatory Framework

Based on the uranium ore production potential being greater than 100,000 tons of ore during the Mine's life, it is subject to Subpart B of the NESHAP (Underground Uranium Mine NESHAP) which is listed in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 61, Subpart B. As prescribed by 40 CFR 61, Subpart B, Pinon Ridge is required to conduct radon-222 testing in accordance with the procedures described in the rule during the time the mine is active. According to §61.21(a) of the rule, a mine is considered "active" whenever the mine is being ventilated to allow workers to enter the mine for any purpose. The rule specifies that the radon-222 concentration shall be continuously measured at each mine vent whenever the mine ventilation system is operational. Additionally, each mine vent exhaust flow rate must be measured at least four (4) times per year.



Figure 1-1 Sunday Mines Complex, Location Map

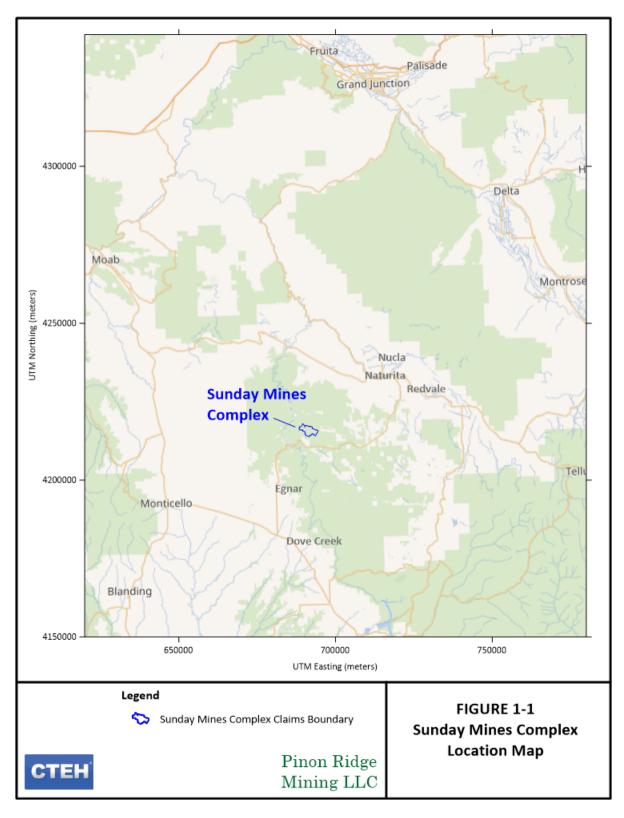
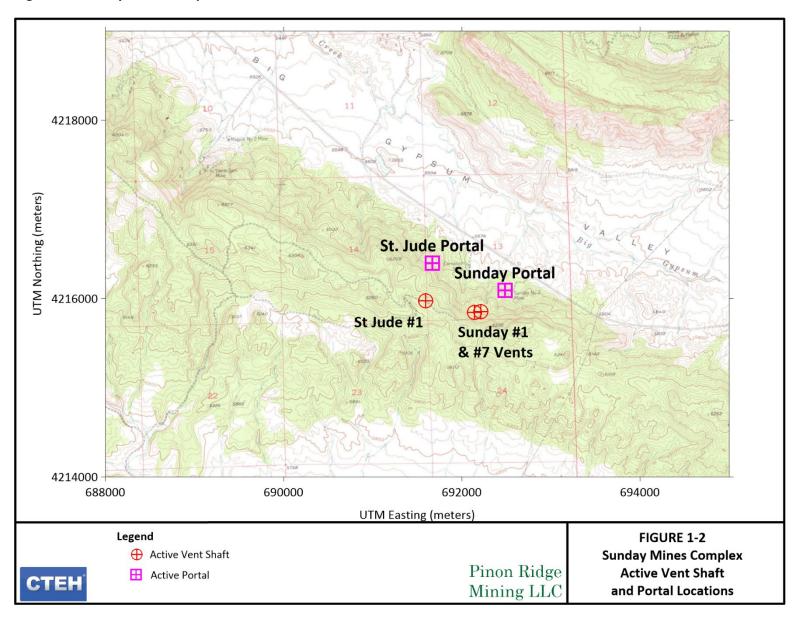




Figure 1-2 Sunday Mines Complex, Active Vent Shaft and Portal Locations





The resulting radon-222 concentration and flow rate measurements are then used to calculate the effective dose equivalent resulting from mine emissions. Specifically, emissions of radon-222 to the ambient air from an underground uranium mine shall not exceed those amounts that would cause any member of the public to receive in any year an effective dose equivalent of 10 millirem per year (mrem/yr). In accordance with §61.23(a) of the rule, the EPA computer code COMPLY-R shall be used to calculate an effective dose equivalent. An equivalent computer model may also be used provided that the model has received prior approval from EPA headquarters. For this analysis at the Sunday Mines Complex, the COMPLY-R model is used in accordance with the model's User's Guide (EPA 1989).

#### 2.0 Modeling Methodology

The COMPLY-R model was developed to evaluate compliance with the radon-222 dose limits for underground uranium mines (40 CFR Part 61, Subpart B). The model uses simplified Gaussian dispersion algorithms to estimate downwind transport and dispersion of mine vent effluent. This simplified approach eases input requirements for the modeling simulation, but also introduces limitations in the model results. For example, COMPLY-R does not address complex terrain or changes in elevation. For this model analysis, the EPA-recommended default model values have been applied to the model, which likely produces highly conservative model results that overestimate radon-222 concentrations.

#### 2.1 Source Input Data

The Sunday Mines complex is composed of several mine areas spread over a broad area. The COMPLY-R model requires input of vent characteristics for all active vents and portals over the modeling period. Table 2-1 shows all mine vents/portals at the Mine and Table 2-2 show only those vents/portals that were active during 2022, along with location, size, height, flow, and emission data for each vent. The COMPLY-R default inputs for air temperature (temperature assumption) and vent temperature (55 °F) were used in the model. The vents listed in Table 2-2 were active only during the months January-February in 2022. Note that vents/portals have either upcast or downcast airflow and only upcast flows represent conditions that would result in radon emissions to the atmosphere. For any vent/portal in Table 2-2, if upcast conditions existed at any time during 2022, it is listed as upcast and emission calculations are provided. Figure 1-2 shows a plot of the active mine vents/portals during 2022.



TABLE 2-1 SUNDAY MINES COMPLEX, NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF ALL VENTS AND PORTALS

Source Name	COMPLY-R Name	Easting (m)	Northing (m)
Carnation Portal	S1	692118.5	4216104.4
GNG Portal	S2	693250.2	4215892.8
Old Carnation Shaft	\$3	692080.5	4216322.9
St. Jude No. 1	S4	691592.0	4215976.1
St. Jude No. 2	S5	691481.4	4215836.6
St. Jude Portal	S6	691668.4	4216396.8
Sunday No. 9	S7	692603.8	4215606.3
Sunday No. 1	S8	692141.8	4215843.1
Sunday No. 11	S9	692478.3	4216137.5
Sunday No. 15	S10	691793.5	4215524.9
Sunday No. 2	S11	692425.3	4216138.9
Sunday No. 3	S12	692106.7	4215692.5
Sunday No. 4	\$13	691717.3	4215336.0
Sunday No. 7	S14	692213.8	4215854.7
Sunday No. 8	S15	691721.4	4215125.5
Sunday Portal	S16	692485.0	4216089.8
Topaz No. 1	S17	689706.8	4216801.9
Topaz No. 2	S18	689757.3	4216235.1
Topaz Portal	S19	689567.4	4217555.8
Unknown	S20	692022.6	4216329.6
Unknown	S21	691806.6	4216346.3
West Sunday Portal	S22	691050.9	4216902.1
West Sunday No. 1	S23	690908.3	4216126.9
West Sunday No. 2	S24	691028.2	4215792.8
West Sunday No. 3	S25	690502.2	4215882.9
Carnation Portal	S1	692118.5	4216104.4
GNG Portal	S2	693250.2	4215892.8
Old Carnation Shaft	S3	692080.5	4216322.9
St. Jude No. 1	S4	691592.0	4215976.1
St. Jude No. 2	S5	691481.4	4215836.6
St. Jude Portal	S6	691668.4	4216396.8
Sunday No. 9	<b>S7</b>	692603.8	4215606.3

Table 2-2 Sunday Mines Complex, Active Vent/Portal Characteristics

Source Name	COMPLY-R Name	Elevation (m)	Effective Diameter (m)	Release Height (m)	Upcast or Downcast Flow	Average Weighted Flow (m³/s)	2022 Emission (Ci/yr)
St Jude No. 1	S4	1878.5	2.74	0.0	Downcast	0.0	0.0
St Jude Portal	S6	1787.4	3.05	0.0	Upcast	0.57	0.77
Sunday No. 1	S8	1821.0	1.83	0.91	Upcast	0.77	17.73
Sunday No. 7	S14	1818.9	1.52	2.29	Upcast	0.53	10.96
Sunday Portal	S16	1759.5	2.74	0.00	Downcast	0.0	0.0

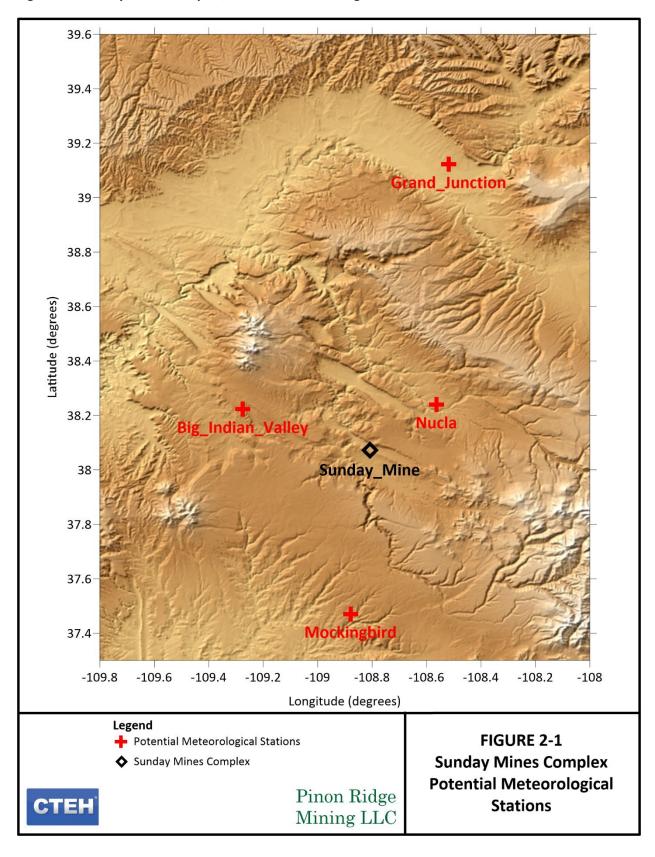
#### 2.2 Meteorological Data

The COMPLY-R model includes the option for using frequency distribution data of wind speeds and wind directions to characterize dispersion. The wind data should be from a nearby meteorological station that is representative of wind conditions at the mine site. These data are often presented graphically in a wind rose and the data are input into the COMPLY-R model prior to executing the model run. Appendix D of the COMPLY-R User's Guide (EPA 1989) describes the suitability of wind rose data for use in the modeling analysis. The key factors that most affect wind speed and direction, and thus the representativeness of the dataset, are the elevation relative to the surrounding area, presence of a valley, presence of a large water body, topography, and whether the area is urban or rural.

Several meteorological stations have been considered for use in past COMPLY-R analyses for the Mine. These stations include Grand Junction, Nucla, Mockingbird Mesa, and Big Indian Valley Utah. Figure 2-1 shows the location of each meteorological station relative to the Mine site, overlaid on a topographical color relief basemap. Generally, all meteorological stations considered are in rural environments and none are affected by a large water body. Thus, the primary considerations for comparison with the mine site are the topography, terrain, and the elevation of the stations compared to the mine site. The meteorological dataset that is most representative of conditions at the Mine was determined to be Grand Junction. While Nucla is the closest station, its wind directions demonstrate significant influence from three valleys and does not represent conditions at the Mine. A review of currently available meteorological data was completed for this analysis and no new datasets were identified that are suitable for use in the modeling. Therefore, an updated five-year Grand Junction dataset from the years 2015-2019 was used for the modeling. The selection of Grand Junction meteorological data is also consistent with the recommendation by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to use Grand Junction data for dispersion modeling associated with minor source permitting for the Mine (CDPHE 2007).



Figure 2-1 Sunday Mines Complex, Potential Meteorological Stations





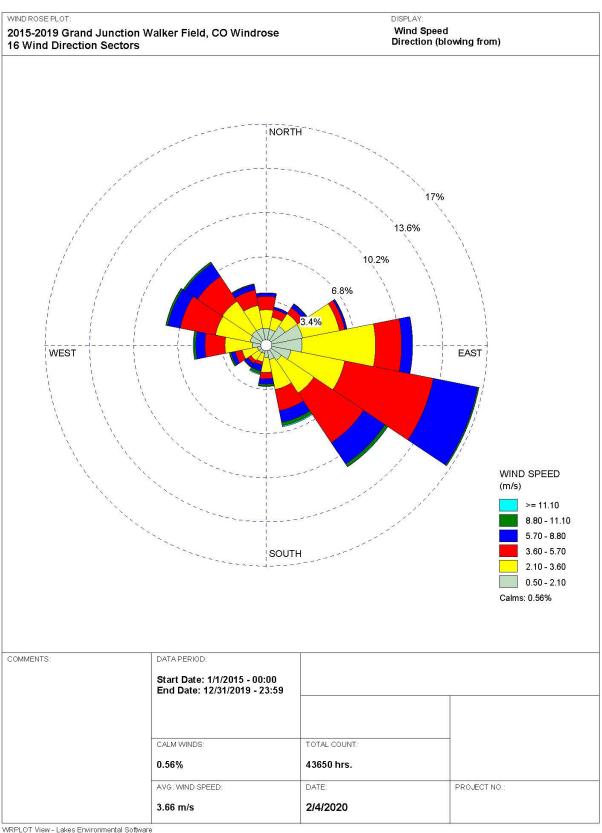
A windrose plot of the 2015-2019 Grand Junction meteorological dataset is given as Figure 2-2. The plot shows the predominant up-valley/down-valley wind directionality within the Grand Junction valley, which is consistent with the valley alignment at the Mine.

#### 2.3 Model Receptors

Model receptors are locations where the model calculates radon-222 air concentrations and the associated dose to a person residing at that location. COMPLY-R requires one receptor to be input for each of 16 directional sectors that represents the closest receptor to the mine vents in each direction. Each direction sector represents 22.5 degrees. Because the Mine is located in a remote location, few actual potential receptors exist in close proximity to the mine vents. The closest receptor identified is a structure located 4.5 to 5 miles south of the mine vents. Receptors identified in other direction sectors include known ranch houses, other structures that could be occupied, and the towns of Naturita, Slick Rock, Bedrock, and Egnar. For two of the direction sectors, there were no known receptors within approximately 30 miles. For these two direction sectors (North and West), receptors were placed at large distances from the Mine, as recommended by COMPLY-R. The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) locations and elevations of the model receptors and distances to each vent were input to the model for processing. Figure 2-3 shows the locations of the model receptors relative to the active mine vents and nearby roads and towns. Table 2-3 lists the selected receptors for each direction, along with the UTM coordinates of each receptor. The calculated vent-receptor distances are shown in Table 2-4.



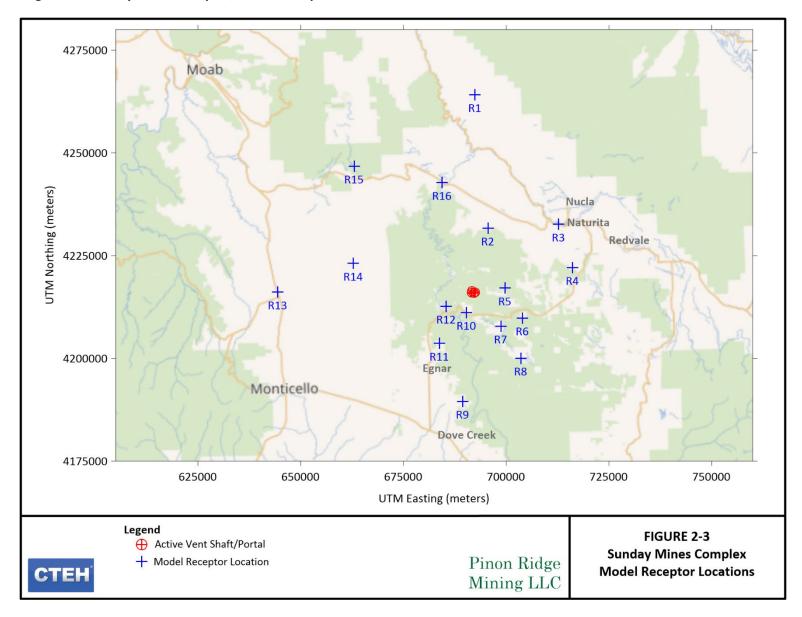
Figure 2-2 Grand Junction Walker Field 2015-2019 Windrose



WRPLOT View - Lakes Environmental Software



Figure 2-3 Sunday Mines Complex, Model Receptor Locations





**Table 2-3 Sunday Mines Complex, Model Receptor Locations** 

Receptor Number	Description	UTM East (m)	UTM North (m)	Elevation (m)
R1	Receptor 1 - N48	692425.3	4264138.9	1751.8
R2	Possible Receptor 2	695581.5	4231660.9	2109.7
R3	Possible Receptor 3	712785.8	4232633.9	1702.0
R4	Possible Receptor 4	716170.1	4222079.2	2095.6
R5	Possible Receptor 5	699755.1	4217093.7	2077.9
R6	Possible Receptor 6	703987.6	4209795.4	1962.2
R7	Possible Receptor 7	698715.2	4207829.6	1752.5
R8	Possible Receptor 8	703578	4200040	1817.0
R9	Possible Receptor 9	689429.4	4189535	2329.8
R10	Possible Receptor 10	690351.4	4211153.3	1718.9
R11	Possible Receptor 11	683772.5	4203645.7	2262.1
R12	Possible Receptor 12	685417.3	4212671	1706.8
R13	Receptor 13 - W48	644425.3	4216138.9	1837.7
R14	Possible Receptor 14	662812.5	4223113.6	1996.3
R15	Possible Receptor 15	663024.1	4246760.1	2276.9
R16	Possible Receptor 16	684415.4	4242778.8	1519.7



Table 2-4 - Sunday Mines Complex, Mine Vent - Receptor Distances

		UTM Cod	ordinates							Distanc	e to Rece	ptor (Kilor	meters)						
	Comply-R	East	North									122							
Vent Name	Vent ID	(meters)	(meters)	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16
	D	irection Towa	ard Receptor:	N	NNE	NE	ENE	E	ESE	SE	SSE	S	ssw	sw	WSW	w	WNW	NW	NNW
Carnation Portal	S1	692118.5	4216104.4	48.035	15.937	26.464	24.783	7.700	13.442	10.582	19.733	26.705	5.257	14.996	7.530	47.693	30.133	42.264	27.764
GNG Portal	S2	693250.2	4215892.8	48.253	15.940	25.727	23.740	6.615	12.348	9.741	18.920	26.633	5.556	15.486	8.470	48.826	31.282	43.202	28.300
Old Carnation Shaft	S3	692080.5	4216322.9	47.817	15.732	26.358	24.768	7.713	13.579	10.778	19.933	26.919	5.451	15.157	7.598	47.656	30.045	42.080	27.544
St. Jude No. 1	S4	691592.0	4215976.1	48.170	16.184	26.957	25.325	8.239	13.851	10.822	19.940	26.529	4.980	14.601	7.004	47.167	29.651	41.997	27.747
St. Jude No. 2	S5	691481.4	4215836.6	48.312	16.347	27.130	25.466	8.369	13.889	10.791	19.896	26.382	4.818	14.424	6.841	47.057	29.578	42.025	27.853
St. Jude Portal	S6	691668.4	4216396.8	47.748	15.758	26.638	25.152	8.117	13.976	11.093	20.233	26.955	5.406	14.998	7.277	47.244	29.627	41.742	27.361
Sunday No. 9	S7	692603.8	4215606.3	48.533	16.328	26.406	24.439	7.304	12.781	9.891	19.046	26.264	4.990	14.868	7.763	48.181	30.723	42.959	28.379
Sunday No. 1	S8	692141.8	4215843.1	48.297	16.187	26.610	24.824	7.715	13.300	10.365	19.507	26.448	5.020	14.793	7.435	47.717	30.217	42.470	28.022
Sunday No. 11	S9	692478.3	4216137.5	48.001	15.831	26.163	24.426	7.339	13.141	10.388	19.553	26.777	5.419	15.226	7.866	48.053	30.475	42.489	27.835
Sunday No. 15	S10	691793.5	4215524.9	48.618	16.575	27.081	25.242	8.115	13.473	10.350	19.459	26.097	4.603	14.334	6.986	47.372	29.958	42.465	28.235
Sunday No. 2	S11	692425.3	4216138.9	48.000	15.840	26.204	24.477	7.392	13.188	10.421	19.585	26.772	5.400	15.197	7.819	48.000	30.423	42.451	27.818
Sunday No. 3	S12	692106.7	4215692.5	48.447	16.342	26.733	24.897	7.776	13.264	10.271	19.406	26.294	4.867	14.649	7.340	47.683	30.220	42.556	28.157
Sunday No. 4	S13	691717.3	4215336.0	48.808	16.776	27.260	25.366	8.228	13.463	10.262	19.356	25.902	4.400	14.134	6.840	47.299	29.933	42.553	28.398
Sunday No. 7	S14	692213.8	4215854.7	48.285	16.161	26.547	24.752	7.642	13.242	10.328	19.474	26.467	5.057	14.843	7.505	47.789	30.284	42.511	28.031
Sunday No. 8	S15	691721.4	4215125.5	49.018	16.980	27.391	25.418	8.271	13.374	10.107	19.187	25.693	4.202	13.963	6.765	47.307	29.992	42.712	28.602
Sunday Portal	S16	692485.0	4216089.8	48.049	15.876	26.188	24.431	7.339	13.112	10.346	19.510	26.730	5.378	15.191	7.851	48.060	30.492	42.528	27.882
Topaz No. 1	S17	689706.8	4216801.9	47.415	15.978	27.987	26.984	10.053	15.907	12.714	21.757	27.268	5.685	14.433	5.955	45.286	27.625	40.118	26.510
Topaz No. 2	S18	689757.3	4216235.1	47.978	16.489	28.271	27.052	10.035	15.620	12.284	21.291	26.702	5.116	13.940	5.616	45.332	27.809	40.576	27.076
Topaz Portal	S19	689567.4	4217555.8	46.671	15.334	27.685	26.985	10.198	16.376	13.352	22.430	28.021	6.450	15.069	6.410	45.164	27.326	39.464	25.744
Unknown	S20	692022.6	4216329.6	47.811	15.739	26.400	24.823	7.770	13.633	10.819	19.972	26.920	5.439	15.131	7.551	47.598	29.988	42.035	27.521
Unknown	S21	691806.6	4216346.3	47.797	15.773	26.560	25.029	7.984	13.831	10.966	20.111	26.916	5.393	15.028	7.371	47.382	29.773	41.874	27.446
West Sunday Portal	S22	691050.9	4216902.1	47.257	15.439	26.831	25.647	8.706	14.760	11.877	21.006	27.415	5.791	15.123	7.046	46.632	28.913	40.951	26.714
West Sunday No. 1	S23	690908.3	4216126.9	48.036	16.222	27.406	25.954	8.899	14.531	11.393	20.477	26.633	5.005	14.377	6.488	46.483	28.951	41.424	27.431
West Sunday No. 2	S24	691028.2	4215792.8	48.366	16.508	27.514	25.916	8.823	14.280	11.068	20.141	26.306	4.689	14.149	6.421	46.604	29.150	41.752	27.784
West Sunday No. 3	S25	690502.2	4215882.9	48.294	16.575	27.877	26.405	9.332	14.796	11.503	20.542	26.370	4.732	13.966	6.014	46.078	28.618	41.333	27.576



#### 3.0 Model Results

The COMPLY-R model was run with all active mine vents and all 16 model receptors which represent potential members of the public. Because COMPLY-R produces only one maximum modeled value as output, it may require multiple runs to evaluate cumulative impacts if emission sources are located in different downwind directions to receptors. However, the active mine vents/portals in 2022 are close together and in the same downwind direction to all 16 receptors. Therefore, modeling was completed in one model run. The mine vents were actively ventilating in January and February only. This was accounted for in the radon-222 emission rates by using annual averaged values at each mine vent. Annual averages were calculated by averaging measured radon-222 emissions for each vent over the calendar year. Weeks when no mine ventilation occurred were calculated as zero emissions. Meteorological data from the Grand Junction, CO windrose were also input to the model. Calculations of potential dose were made by COMPLY-R for the nearest receptors in the 16 directional sectors from the mine vents (see Figure 2-3).

At all locations, the modeled maximum radon-222 dose is far lower than the regulatory threshold value of 10 mrem/yr. The maximum annual dose was estimated to be 0.015 mrem/yr. The model inputs and outputs for the COMPLY-R run are provided in Appendix A.

#### 4.0 Conclusions

The analysis results and the dose estimates from the COMPLY-R model indicate that at all modeled locations, the maximum modeled dose due to radon-222 is far lower than the regulatory threshold value of 10 mrem/yr. The maximally exposed receptor was estimated at 0.015 mrem/year, using 2022 emissions. These results are likely overestimates of the radon-222 concentrations that would actually occur due to the conservative assumptions used in the dispersion model. The analysis results demonstrate that the operation of the Sunday Mines Complex during 2022 is within regulatory compliance for radon-222 emissions.



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# Appendix A

**COMPLY-R Output** 



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40 CFR Part 61 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants

#### REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH

#### THE CLEAN AIR ACT LIMITS FOR RADIONUCLIDE EMISSIONS

FROM THE COMPLY-R CODE, VERSION 1.2

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	Release Rate
Stack	(curies/YEAR)
1	7.700E-01
2	1.773E+01
3	1.096E+01

#### SITE DATA FOR VENT 1.

Ground level release.

STACK DISTANCES, FILE: StackSJP\_R3.dat

	Distance
DIR	(meters)
N	47748.0
NNE	15758.0
NE	26638.0
ENE	25152.0
E	8117.0
ESE	13976.0
SE	11093.0
SSE	20233.0
S	26955.0
SSW	5406.0
SW	14998.0
WSW	7277.0
W	47244.0
WNW	29627.0
NW	41742.0
NNW	27361.0

#### SITE DATA FOR VENT 2.

Release Height 0.91 meters.

Vertical momentum present for vent 2

Vent diameter 1.83 meters.

Volumetric flow rate is 0.770 cu m/sec.

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STACK DISTANCES, FILE: StackSN1\_R3.dat

DIR	Distance (meters)
N	48297.0
NNE	16187.0
NE	26610.0
ENE	24824.0
E	7715.0
ESE	13300.0
SE	10365.0
SSE	19507.0
S	26448.0
SSW	5020.0
SW	14793.0
WSW	7435.0
W	47717.0
WNW	30217.0
NW	42470.0
NNW	28022.0

#### SITE DATA FOR VENT 3.

Release Height 2.29 meters.

Vertical momentum present for vent 3

Vent diameter 1.52 meters.

Volumetric flow rate is 0.530 cu m/sec.

STACK DISTANCES, FILE: StackSN7\_R3.dat

DIR	Distance (meters)
N	48285.0
NNE	16161.0
NE	26547.0
ENE	24752.0
E	7642.0
ESE	13242.0
SE	10328.0
SSE	19474.0
S	26467.0
SSW	5057.0
SW	14843.0
WSW	7505.0
W	47789.0
WNW	30284.0
NW	42511.0
NNW	28031.0

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WINDROSE DATA, FILE: GJ15-19W.dat

Source of wind rose data: Grand Junction Walker Field, CO 15-19

Dates of coverage: 2015-2019

Wind rose location: Grand Junction, CO
Distance to facility: 74 miles

Percent calm: 0.01

Wind		Speed
FROM	Frequency	(meters/s)
N	0.040	3.10
NNE	0.030	2.85
NE	0.038	2.89
ENE	0.063	2.41
E	0.112	3.06
ESE	0.167	4.29
SE	0.112	4.27
SSE	0.064	4.09
S	0.032	3.65
SSW	0.023	4.51
SW	0.021	3.51
WSW	0.029	3.66
W	0.056	3.83
WNW	0.079	3.85
NW	0.077	3.89
NNW	0.048	3.29

#### NOTES:

Default air temperature used (55.0 degrees F).

Default vent temperature used (55.0 degrees F). Vent 1.

The receptor exposed to the highest concentration is located 7277. meters to the WSW. Vent 1.

Default vent temperature used (55.0 degrees F). Vent 2.

The receptor exposed to the highest concentration is located 7435. meters to the WSW. Vent 2.

Default vent temperature used (55.0 degrees F). Vent 3.

The receptor exposed to the highest concentration is located 7505. meters to the WSW. Vent 3.

Input parameters outside the "normal" range:

Vent flow is unusually LOW.

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#### RESULTS:

Effective dose equivalent: 1.5E-02 (mrem/year).

Complies with emission standards.

\*\*\* This facility is in COMPLIANCE \*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*\* END OF COMPLIANCE REPORT \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### ATTACHMENT B EMISSIONS TESTING SUMMARY

							Concer	tration E	xposure (	(pCi/L)				Concentration Exposure (pCi/L)													
	Sample Date		Vent Diameter (ft)	Vent Area (ft²)	Radon Measurement 12/13/2021 01/13/2022	Days Measured	Upcast or Downcast	1/1/2022	1/8/2022	Radon Measurement 01/13/2022 02/10/2022	Days Measured	Upcast or Downcast	1/15/2022	1/22/2022	1/29/2022	2/5/2022	2/12/2022	2/19/2022	2/26/2022	3/05/2022 - 12/31/2022	Annual Average Concentration (pCi/L)						
Sunday Mines																											
St Jude Portal	squa			100.0	47.6		Upcast	47.6	47.6	41.6		Upcast	41.6	41.6	41.6	41.6	41.6	41.6	41.6		7.4						
Sunday Portal	squa			81.0			Downcast	0.0	0.0			Downcast	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	SC	0.0						
St. Jude Fan No. 1	squa			81.0	COO O	20	Downcast	0.0	0.0	740.0		Downcast	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Mine Fans/Operations shut down	0.0						
Sunday Fan No. 1 Sunday Fan No. 7	circul			28.3	699.0	32	Upcast	699.0	699.0	742.0	29	Upcast	742.0	742.0	742.0	742.0	742.0	742.0	742.0	Nn Mn	126.8 114.8						
	circul	-		19.6 22.3	662.0	32	Upcast NA	662.0 0.0	662.0	664.0	29	Upcast NA	664.0 0.0	664.0	664.0	664.0	664.0	664.0	664.0 0.0	9 6	0.0						
West Sunday No. 1	circul			22.3			NA NA	0.0	0.0			NA NA		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	dine ans hut	0.0						
West Sunday No. 2	circul	5.3	3.4	22.3			INA	0.0	0.0			IVA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	≥ LL 10	0.0						
Velocity (fpm)				1	1				1			1					1	1									
	Sample Date	Vent Shape	Vent Diameter	Vent Area (ft²)	Velocity Measurement 12/16/2021			1/1/2022	1/8/2022				1/15/2022	1/22/2022	1/29/2022	2/5/2022	2/12/2022	2/19/2022	2/26/2022	3/05/2022 - 12/	Annual Average Velocity (fpm)						
Sunday Mines																											
St Jude Portal	squa	e 10.0	0.0	100.0	69.9		Upcast	69.9	69.9				69.9	69.9	69.9	69.9	69.9	69.9	69.9		12.1						
Sunday Portal	squa	9.0	0.0	81.0	0.0		Downcast	0.0	0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0	0.0						
St. Jude Fan No. 1	squa	e 9.0	0.0	81.0	0.0		Downcast	0.0	0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	ions	0.0						
Sunday Fan No. 1	circul	r 6.0	3.0	28.3	333.1		Upcast	333.1	333.1				333.1	333.1	333.1	333.1	333.1	333.1	333.1	erati	57.7						
Sunday Fan No. 7	circul	r 5.0	7.5	19.6	327.5		Upcast	327.5	327.5				327.5	327.5	327.5	327.5	327.5	327.5	327.5	Эре	56.7						
West Sunday No. 1	circul	r 5.3	3.4	22.3			NA	0.0	0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	ns/( ut d	0.0						
West Sunday No. 2	circul	ir 5.3	3.4	22.3			NA	0.0	0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Mine Fans/Operations shut down	0.0						
Flow Rate (liters/min)																											
			e	2)	nt															- 12/3							
	Sample Date	Vent Shape	Vent Diameter	Vent Area (ft²)	Velocity Measurement 12/16/2021			1/1/2022	1/8/2022				1/15/2022	1/22/2022	1/29/2022	2/5/2022	2/12/2022	2/19/2022	2/26/2022	3/05/2022	Annual Average Flowrate (Liters/min)						
		Vent Shape	Vent Diamet	Vent Area (fl	Velocity Measureme 12/16/2021			1/1/2022	1/8/2022				1/15/2022	1/22/2022	1/29/2022	2/5/2022	2/12/2022	2/19/2022	2/26/2022	3/05/2022	Annual Average Flowrate (Liters/min						
Sunday Mines	Sample D	Vent	Vent	>					~										0	3/05/2022							
Sunday Mines St Jude Portal	Sample O squa	e 10	Vent	100	197,957			197957	197957				197957	197957	197957	197957	197957	197957	197957		34261.8						
Sunday Mines St Jude Portal Sunday Portal	Squa squa	e 10	Vent	100	197,957				~							197957 0			197957		34261.8 0.0						
Sunday Mines St Jude Portal Sunday Portal St. Jude Fan No. 1	Sample O squa	e 10 e 9 e 9	0 0 0	100 81 81	197,957 0 0			197957 0 0	197957 0 0				197957 0 0		34261.8 0.0 0.0												
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Minutes Operated			1																<u></u>		
Sample Date	Vent Shape	Vent Diameter		Vent Area (ft²)			1/1/2022	1/8/2022				1/15/2022	1/22/2022	1/29/2022	2/5/2022	2/12/2022	2/19/2022	2/26/2022	3/05/2022 - 12/3	Annual Average Minutes Operated per week (min)	
Minutes Operated						10	080	10080				10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	0		
Sunday Mines																					
St Jude Portal	square	10	0	100		100	080 1	10080				10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	10080		1744.6	
Sunday Portal	square	9	0	81		(	)	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	σ,	0.0	
St. Jude Fan No. 1	square	9	0	81		(	)	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	rations	0.0	
Sunday Fan No. 1	circular	6	3	28.28		100	080 1	10080				10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	erat n	1744.6	
Sunday Fan No. 7	circular	5	7.5	19.64		100	080 1	10080				10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	10080	Ope	1744.6	
West Sunday No. 1	circular		3.417			(	)	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mine Fans/Opera shut down	0.0	
West Sunday No. 2	circular	5.333	3.417	22.34		(	)	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mi Fa	0.0	
Total Liters																					
Sample Date	Vent Shape			Vent Area (ft²)			1/1/2022	1/8/2022				1/15/2022	1/22/2022	1/29/2022	2/5/2022	2/12/2022	2/19/2022	2/26/2022	3/05/2022 - 12/31/2	Annual Average Total Liters Released per week (liters/week)	
Total Liters																					
Sunday Mines																					
St Jude Portal	square	10	0	100		2.0E	+09 2.	0E+09						2.0E+09						3.45E+08	
Sunday Portal	square	9	0	81			+00 0.							0.0E+00					v	0.00E+00	
St. Jude Fan No. 1	square	9	0	81			+00 0.							0.0E+00					ion	0.00E+00	
Sunday Fan No. 1	circular	6	3	28.28			+09 2.							2.7E+09					Operations	4.65E+08	
Sunday Fan No. 7	circular	5	7.5	19.64			+09 1.							1.8E+09				1.8E+09	/Oper	3.18E+08	
West Sunday No. 1	circular		3.417				+00 0.							0.0E+00				0.0E+00	e s t	0.00E+00	
West Sunday No. 2	circular	5.333	3.417	22.34		0.0E	+00 0.	.0E+00				0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	R Ra S A	0.00E+00	
Ci Released							1												<u></u>		
Sample Date	Vent Shape	Vent Diameter	Height (ft)	Vent Area ( $\mathrm{ft}^2$ )			1/1/2022	1/8/2022				1/15/2022	1/22/2022	1/29/2022	2/5/2022	2/12/2022	2/19/2022	2/26/2022	3/05/2022 - 12/3	Annual Average Ci per Week (Ci/week)	Total Ci Released per Year Cilyear)
Ci Released																					
Sunday Mines																					
St Jude Portal	square	10	0	100		0.		0.1				0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.0	0.77
Sunday Portal	square	9	0	81		0.		0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	ဋ	0.0	0.00
St. Jude Fan No. 1	square	9	0	81		0.		0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	rations	0.0	0.00
Sunday Fan No. 1	circular	6	3	28.28		1.		1.9				2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	era /n	0.3	17.73
Sunday Fan No. 7	circular	5		19.64		1.		1.2				1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	%/Oper down	0.2	10.96
West Sunday No. 1	circular		3.417			0		0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Mine Fans/ shut c	0.0	0.00
West Sunday No. 2	circular	5.333	3.417	22.34		0.	.0	0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	≥ π, α	0.0	0.00